



PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 5484-053

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11-22-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Tae-Gyoung KANG

Serial No. 09/458,506

Examiner: Nadav, Ori

Confirmation No.: 8916

Filed: December 9, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2811

For: LAYOUT METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated May 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

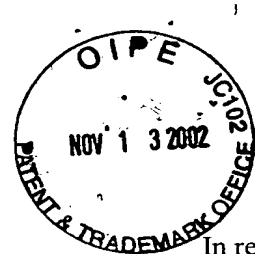
IN THE CLAIMS

14. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a substrate;
active regions of two or more adjacent transistors, the active regions having at least more than one first and second electrodes disposed on the substrate;
a plurality of transistor gates disposed on the substrate between more than one first and second electrodes of those active regions respectively, wherein two or more gates are of a predetermined width and length at a substantially identical gap therebetween without intervening dummy gates therebetween; and
a plurality of dummy gates having predetermined width and length between ones of the adjacent transistors at a substantially identical gap therebetween, without intervening transistor gates therebetween, respectively.

15. The device, as defined in claim 14, wherein the length of the dummy gates is substantially the same as that of the transistor gates.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| For: | Number After Amendment | Previous Number | Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 43 | 23 | 20 | x \$18 = | \$360 |
| Independent Claims | 11 | 6 | 5 | x \$80 = | \$420 |
| Extension of Time - 3 rd | | | | | \$920 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$1700 |

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**greater of three (3) or number for which fee has been paid

- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response. The extension fee is included and a duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- ☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment for the above-listed fees is enclosed.
- ☒ Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

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